***Annexure* 13**

Vide unstarred question 1036 (a) answered on 26th July, 2002.

Misappropriation of funds at KVKs

1037. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of complaints regarding corruption and misappropriation of funds in Krishi Vigyan Kendras especially at Sironj, District Vidisha (MP);

(b) the details of NGOs running such Kendras;

(c) whether any inquiry Committee was set up in respect of Kendra mentioned in part (a) above; if so, when the report was submitted and the findings thereof; and

(d) since how long the action is pending before Government and whether any responsibility has been fixed for delaying the action; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The details of complaints in respect of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) at Sironj, district Vidisha (MP) include appointment of staff, utilization of funds, use of farm produce, construction of building, utilization of equipments and vehicles, maintenance of records and non-issuance of invitation to local representative (MLA).

(b) There are 77 NGO running KVKs.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.The prelinimary investigation report was submitted during September, 2000, and a detailed audit report during February, 2002. The investigation reports have made detailed comments about recruitments, financial procedure, award of contract/purchase and maintenance of records.

In the light of the above, action was taken against the organization and the employees. The later have filed cases in the Gwalior High Court and the matter is *sub*y'uoVce. Thefunding to KVK has been discontinued.